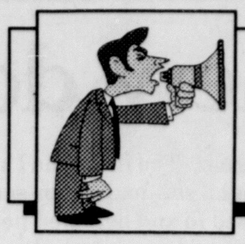


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Wild & wooly Washington Unified debate

■ Community members & school board members clash in cantankerous meeting at Yolo High

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

About 20 West Sacramento residents met last Wednesday to plan a response to the school board's imminent extension of Superintendent Dennis Kelleher's contract. Members of the group then attended the board's meeting on Thursday. The meeting quickly turned into an out-of-control free-for-all sprinkled with distrust, accusations and defensiveness.

The board eventually voted to table the contract extension until early April – but getting to that simple 4-1 vote to delay any action took an hour of ill will.

Frank Crandall served as spokesman for the yet-unnamed group. School board members were aware that he'd be speaking that evening in opposition to Kelleher's contract approval. Board president Ardeene Westvik had attended the previous night's community meeting, and Crandall and several other critics of Kelleher had filled out paper slips requesting permission to speak on the item at Thursday's meeting.

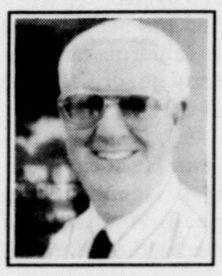
So it was with widespread hostility that many in the crowd audibly reacted when Westvik opened discussion on extending Kelleher's contract from mid-2000 to mid-2003. She simply read the brief staff report then immediately made a motion to approve the extension – a move that was quickly seconded by board member David Farmer.

"Excuse me, but we have members in the audience who would like to speak," interjected board member Pat Flint. "That comes before a motion."

"No it doesn't," replied Westvik, who defended her action as proper under parliamentary rules.

Trustee Irene Eklund stressed that in her history on the board, public discussion was always allowed before the board began to take action.

During an exchange between the board and Crandall and other audience members, several people said that the community group would be asking to take the item off the agenda entirely.



Dr. Dennis Kelleher

Superintendent since 1997

"If anyone wanted to remove something from the agenda, (earlier in the meeting) was the time to do it," rebutted Westvik.

"So we're going to play games with the public," retorted board member Irene Eklund.

More procedural debate ensued, with Westvik calling for a short recess to allow attorney Jack Parham to come up with a legal answer. Parham ultimately opined that it was not improper to make a motion before hearing the public's comments, but that an agenda item could be removed by board members at any point in the meeting.

Meanwhile, board members began debating whether they should be extending Kelleher's contract. The staff report for the item said that the superintendent was entitled to the one-year extension as long as he had received satisfactory performance reviews from at least three of the five board members – which he had. Deadline for the extension – not included in the report – is May.

The *News-Ledger* has learned through various sources that Kelleher received satisfactory performance reviews from trustees Westvik, Farmer and Ed Hocking, while receiving unsatisfactory reviews from Eklund and Flint.

"The board voted on the instrument used for the evaluation, the board did the evaluation, and it was given to the superintendent," argued Westvik at the meeting. "If we put this (contract extension) off, legally it won't change what is required by this contract."

"Any board member can change or alter their evaluation until it is acted on by this board," argued Eklund, attempting to show that the board wasn't locked into granting Kelleher an additional year.

"It's all been completed," continued Westvik.

"Are you positive that there is nothing that these people will say that will change the minds of some of the board?," Eklund asked in return.



Frank Crandall

Spokesman for new group

Eventually, Crandall spoke on behalf of the new community group.

Crandall said the group had collected over 50 signatures from those opposed to Kelleher's contract extension.

"As the committee's representative, I ask that you postpone this item and remove it from this meeting agenda and afford the citizens of West Sacramento the opportunity to appear before you and present testimony for your consideration. Believe me, the community has a lot to say about the current state of education in West Sacramento and their voices should be heard," said Crandall.



SANDY BLAZAK and RONNA KEPHART
Organizers of the March 8 community group meeting

Crandall referred the board to two poster boards the group had brought. On one, they had listed the night before what they perceived as the "positives" about Washington Unified School District, and on the other, they listed the "negatives." They then attempted to match up the responsible authority for each positive and negative.

"It was clear to us, as I am sure it is to you, that very little of the positive things can be attributed to Dr. Kelleher. We also concluded he has direct responsibility for many of the negative issues. These lists scream volumes about the community's feelings about the leadership of the Washington Unified School District."

Crandall referred to community members' contacts with Kelleher and the "rude, disrespectful treatment they have had to endure."

"At last night's (community group) meeting, parents recounted incidences where they were told to shut up by Dr. Kelleher, and one even had the police called on her because she went to his office asking for help," Crandall related.

He also told the board that teachers and other W.U.S.D. feel they are working under "leadership by intimidation and retaliation" and that they "feel abandoned by the school board."

He asked for time for the committee to conduct a "confidential, voluntary survey of school employees to assess their true feelings about their leader."

"It would be ridiculous for this school board to renew or extend the contract who cannot command the respect of his subordinates," he argued.

Kelleher remained silent throughout discussion. He could not be reached by the *News-Ledger* for comment this week.

Parent Danni Langford also commented on the raucous meeting, and the handling of the agenda item.

"I am appalled to be here tonight and witness what I witnessed," she said. "We don't feel we have an open district, and this is exactly the reason parents don't feel they can go to the superintendent – because he has not opened his door. I have been told to shut my mouth, I have been told that what I feel doesn't matter, and I should not hear that from staff."

Langford added that Kelleher's employees "are afraid of retaliation, and why shouldn't they be?"

Resident Tom Julian also criticized district leadership.

"If just some of the things we've read are true – not all, just some – then there's a problem," said Julian.

"Is there really a rush in doing this?," asked parent Dave Blake, who asked for time "so we parents can go talk to the teachers."

"I ask the four of you that I supported and voted for and helped get elected to give me that opportunity," Blake added.

Resident Karl Machschefes was the only member of the public who seemed to support Kelleher.

"I've seen this in Sac City (School District), I've seen it in Grant," he commented. "We may regret making the same mistake. Instead of firing a superintendent, we need at some point to retire one. My opinion is we need to change our reputation (for firing superintendents)."



Ardeene Westvik

WUSD School Board President

Throughout discussion, angry members of the audience freely exchanged charges and arguments with board members – bringing the district's "representative government" into a somewhat messy example of "direct democracy."

When everyone had their say, board member Hocking – one of those who had given Kelleher a positive review – asked for the floor.

"I'd like to make a motion that we table this to the first meeting in April," he moved, giving the community group what it had asked for.

Eklund, Flint and Farmer joined him, with Westvik voting a lone "no."

The matter of whether Kelleher will receive a third year on his contract will be taken up again April 13.

Golden State principal assesses school after first year

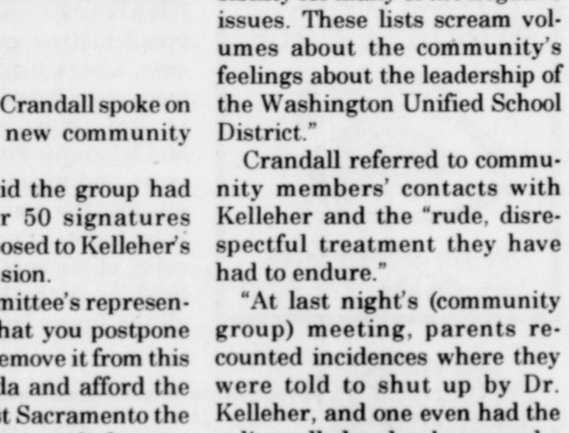
By Daryl Fisher
Features Editor

Ken Whittemore recently completed his first year as the principal of Golden State Middle School and last week he gave the *News-Ledger* the following telephone question and answer interview:

News-Ledger: Could you talk for a few minutes about how Golden State Middle School students did on the new State of California API (Academic Performance Index) and explain what those scores actually mean?

Mr. Whittemore: To be honest, our students certainly didn't do as well on the test as we had hoped. We received a 3 out of a total of 10 on the overall scale, and a 2 when we were compared to other schools like ours. Although those scores weren't completely unexpected, they're certainly not acceptable, and I've told both our staff and our students that. We all have to work much harder in that area, and that includes me, the teachers, and of course, our students. To begin with, we have to make sure our curriculum is properly aligned with State of California standards, then we have to provide the kind of classroom instruction needed for our students to do well on standardized tests, and finally, we also need to make doing well on these kinds of tests a matter of real pride for our students. This year's eighth grade class at Golden State will be the first that will be required to take an exit exam in order to graduate from high school, and I feel a deep personal responsibility to do everything I can to give our students the kind of academic foundation that will allow them to do well in high school.

News-Ledger: About this time last year, the principal that you replaced and a number of Golden State teachers were at each others' throats. The teachers were concerned that Golden State wasn't going in the right direction and that their classroom efforts weren't being properly supported by the principal, district administrators, and the Board of Education. Has that all settled down?



KEN WHITTEMORE

GSMS Principal

Mr: Whittemore: It really has. I feel like I'm getting all the support I need to improve things here at Golden State and I have no real complaints in that area. One of the problems with year-round schools is that teacher turn-over is often higher than a principal would like to see, but on the upside, I have 13 new teachers this year that I think are all going to be fine educators. We're doing everything we can to support them and I think our current staff is better than it has ever been. The first thing I look for in teachers is enthusiasm and passion, and we have a lot of that around here.

News-Ledger: The Board of Education decided to send sixth graders back to their neighborhood elementary schools last year. What effect has that had on the Golden State campus and its students?

Mr. Whittemore: It's had a huge impact on just about everything we do around here. This school was never built to hold 1300 students, which was approximately our enrollment before the change was made, and now that over 400 students are staying at their elementary schools for sixth grade, our campus is much more manageable. It's slowed everything down and made things less frenetic. Students can now get to their next class without having to elbow their way through hundreds of other kids headed in different directions. Space is important to young people, and the previous overcrowded situation was bad for everyone. It's also much easier now to keep track of what everyone is doing and having 400 less students on campus has improved everything from discipline to just getting a chance to get to know all the kids better.

News-Ledger: There has long been a perception in this town that of all the schools in the Washington Unified School District, Golden State Middle School is where most of the fights, gang violence, and drug

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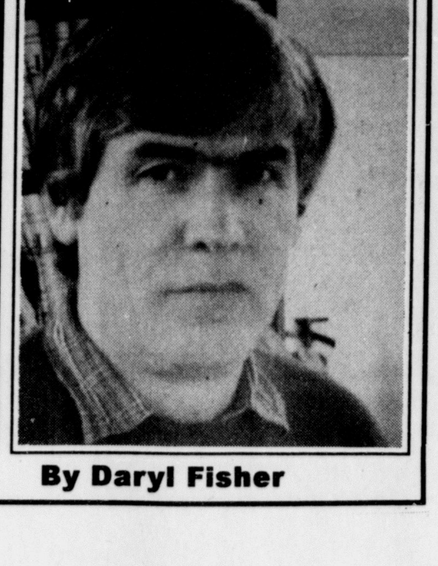
Group seeks housing rehab projects

"Christmas in April," a non-denominational community-based organization, is seeking one or two more houses in West Sacramento to rehabilitate as part of its annual program.

Applicants should be low-income homeowners, including elderly and disabled property owners, who cannot afford to pay for their own repairs. If you wish to apply, or know of an eligible home, contact Steve Rikala during the day at 373-5854, or call 929-3588.

Vet tells my daughter her new dog needs therapy

My Back Pages



By Daryl Fisher

As some of you may recall, a few months ago I wrote a column about my twenty-something daughter and her new dog, Suzie. In that column, I mentioned that Suzie (my daughter actually calls her "Little Suze" now) is a two-year old, 19-pound, four-ounce black female terrier-mix (my daughter's apartment lease requires all pets to weigh under 20-pounds) which my daughter adopted from the SPCA.

The day after bringing Suzie home, my frantic daughter called to tell me, "The information card they gave me at the SPCA said Suzie was already potty-trained, but I don't think she is. Last night she had accidents all over the apartment and I'm still gagging from cleaning up after her. Plus she likes to jump up on everything and when I got up this morning the whole place was completely trashed. What was left of a loaf of bread was scattered everywhere, she had scratched the paint off one of the doors, and she even somehow managed to get all the way up on top of the refrigerator and eat a whole cake!"

"She probably just needs to get used to her new surroundings," I assured my daughter. "Being locked up in a cage in a shelter is a pretty traumatic experience for most dogs. She'll be fine in a couple of days."

"I sure hope so," said my obviously worried daughter. "I never knew a dog could be so destructive. And at the rate she's going, I'm not going to get a penny of my deposit back when I move."

"You just wait and see," I said with conviction, "Suzie will turn out to be a great dog."

Anyway, to make a long story short, boy, was I wrong. Not only has Suzie gone from bad to worse in terms of being a one-dog destruction derby, but now she has also been officially diagnosed with psychological problems.

"I took Little Suze to the veterinarian this morning," my daughter informed me last night, "and you're not going to believe what he told me."

"What?" I asked with genuine interest.

"Well," she said as she lovingly held the subject of our conversation in her lap, "poor Little Suze has got severe separation anxiety."

"She's got what?"

"The veterinarian said it's actually a pretty common problem with adopted dogs," explained my daughter, "but Little Suze has a really bad case of it. She's got every single one of the symptoms."

"Like what?"

"Well, whenever I leave her alone, by the time I get back, she's usually panting, salivating, and out of breath. Plus her eyes get all big and wild, her tongue swells and turns bright red, and she's so dehydrated that I have to keep filling up her water bowl over and over again. The first time I saw her act like that, I thought she had eaten something she wasn't supposed to and poisoned herself, but it happens every time I leave her alone. The veterinarian says it's real typical of his doggie separation anxiety patients."

"Is that right?"

"And while I'm gone," continued my daughter, "Little Suze also pulls up the carpet, forgets that she's potty-trained, scratches the walls and doors with her paws, and chews on just about everything in sight. It turns out that those are all symptoms of separation anxiety, too."

"Did the vet say why she acts like that?"

"He said Little Suze was probably abandoned a lot when she was a puppy," explained my daughter as she gently petted her dog and scratched its ears. "Poor Little Suze has abandonment issues."

"Is there anything you can do for her?"

"Well, the veterinarian made an appointment for us at the University of California at Davis Animal Behavioral Clinic," said my daughter. "They're going to test her and put her on a behavioral modification program. If that doesn't work, then she has to go on medication."

"What kind of medication?"

"Doggie Prozac."

"You're kidding? There's really such a thing as doggie Prozac."

"Sure. And in the meantime, I'm going to keep putting Bitter Apple spray on all the doors so she won't scratch them, give her a herbal remedy called St. John's Wort to help her relax and not be so depressed all the time, and try to desensitize her to my comings and goings."

"And how do you do that?"

"By going in and out of the apartment a couple of hundred times a day so Little Suze always knows I'm coming back, and by constantly making a lot of noise with my house keys so she won't be so scared when she hears me picking them up to leave."

"Carrie," I finally decided to ask my daughter, "do you really think Suzie is worth all this time, effort, and expense?"

"Absolutely! She's my Little Suze."

New at the library:

The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library has received the following new books:

"Dragonholder: The Life and Dreams (So Far) of Anne McCaffrey" by her son Todd McCaffrey.

"Main Courses: Recipes from the Vineyards of Northern California" by Leslie Mansfield.

"New Natural Pregnancy: Practical Wellbeing from Conception to Birth" by Janet Balaskas.

Obituaries

Raymond A. "Ray" Hyatt

Ray Hyatt died in Sacramento on February 27, 2000. He was born in Strickler, Arkansas on September 27, 1928 and he was a resident of West Sacramento for 16 years.



'Ray' Hyatt

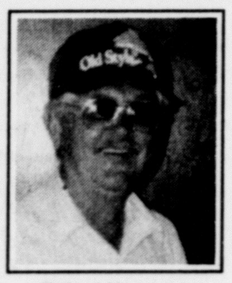
Ray is survived by his wife, Cay, of West Sacramento; daughter Kathleen Doane of Sacramento; son Jon Hyatt of Reno; brothers Carl Hyatt of Elk Grove, Carol Hyatt of Sacramento, Floyd Hyatt of Heber, California, Marvin Hyatt of Uniontown, Arkansas, & Ralph Hyatt of Van Buren, Arkansas; sister Glinda Stancl of North Highlands; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and also many dear friends.

Ray was employed by McClellan Air Force Base for 36 years and retired in 1982. He was also the manager of the old West Capitol Car Wash, where many of his customers remember him as the kind man with all the funny hats. He will be greatly missed by all.

Ray donated his body to the University of California at Davis for research and no services will be held.

Robert Wayne Hammon

Robert Wayne Hammon, who grew up in the Bryte district of West Sacramento, died March 3, 2000, in Carmichael. A Stockton native, he was 64. Mr. Hammon never forgot his roots in East Yolo.



Robert Hammon

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Mary; brother Don Hammon; sons David and Kevin; and daughter Becky, along with six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

While in the U.S. Army, Mr. Hammon was stationed in Germany. He later worked for PG&E for 44 years as a gas serviceman. Colleague Charles Green remembered, "Bob loved to talk. Once you got him talking, you couldn't shut him up! I loved to hear him. He would have been a great salesman."

He was a past member of the California Striped Bass Association, the Old Time Fiddler Association, North Area Sportsman's Club and American River Rod and Gun Club.

Mr. Hammon vacationed with Tex Smith, the Leland and Freddy Gregory families and Bob and Pat Pedersons and other friends. Freddy Gregory remembers, "Robert never told a fish story when he talked about his fishing experiences. It was always an exhilarating experience. It didn't matter if it was a six ounce fish or 60 pounds – it was always an exciting story."

After two heart attacks, Mr. Hammon received a heart transplant from a 16-year old donor in 1989. A year ago, he developed cancer.

Besides fishing, Mr. Hammon enjoyed hunting, gardening, raising homing pigeons, and camping with family and friends.

Funeral services were held March 8 at Mt. Vernon Mortuary in Fair Oaks. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to the California Pacific Transplant Unit at Heart Transplant Coordinator CPMC Transplant Dept., 2340 Clay St., Suite 251, San Francisco, CA 94115.

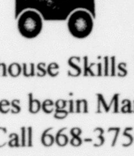
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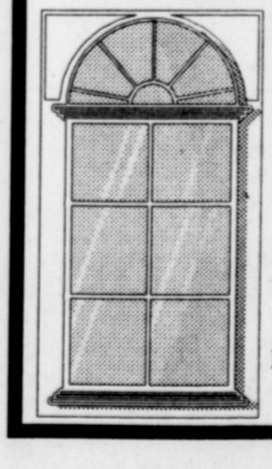


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SPORTS

American Legion ball seeks local support

By Jeannette Keith
Correspondent

A step above high school ball, American Legion baseball is not Little League. It is a prelude to college baseball. Scouts from colleges and professional teams frequent Legion games looking for prospective players to fill their rosters.

"The most talented and dedicated players make up the Legion teams," explained Johnny Lopes. "These are the kids from this area who take baseball seriously and they compete with equally talented players from Sacramento and the surrounding areas."

In 1967, coached by Bob Cruz, Legion baseball came to West Sacramento and then died out several years later. In 1986, Johnny Lopes was one of the coaches when it returned.

"The team was made up of several of the Western Regional All Stars," remembered Lopes. "There was so much talent. Some of those players ended up with college scholarships or major league drafts."

Again, American Legion baseball left West Sacramento and in 1997, a handful of dedicated men worked hard to bring it back for the benefit of the talented youth in this area.

"We need the support of the community to keep Legion baseball going," explained Tim McKinnon. "For the most part, I don't think the community is even aware we have a Legion team. Two of our games this year are scheduled to be played at the new stadium (Raley Field) and for real fans of baseball, Legion ball is worth watching."

There is a rich history of baseball talent in this community. Robert Dodd, Bo Dodson, Willie Smith, Steve and Dave Sax, Dave Moore, Bart Green, Josh Kirtland and Shanin Varone are just a few of the Legion players over the years who ended up being drafted by major league teams. And some of the players who went on to college baseball include Kerry Newton, Jason Kirtland, Larry Langford, Mike Edmonds, David Trussel, Randy Byard and Greg Gaunt.

Now coaching the West Sacramento American Legion baseball team, Greg Gaunt played for Sacramento City College, American River Junior College and the University of California at Davis, where is now also one of their coaches.

To cover the expenses of this league, the West Sacramento American Legion baseball team has a fund-raising dinner every spring. This year it's a Carnita Dinner on April 8th at the ILWU Hall. The evening's events include a raffle, dancing to a DJ, and a swing contest. Cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling Johnny Lopes at 371-5911 or Steve Ericson at 372-0577.

Sports Insider

By Richard Novoa

The Sacramento Kings (36-26) took a three game winning streak into Los Angeles (52-11) only to lose a heartbreaking game to the Shaq and Kobe show. The Lakers, who extended their 18 game winning streak, showed the Kings why they are on top of the NBA standings. Shaq scored 39 points and 20 rebounds while his highflying All-Star guard Kobe Bryant drained 40 points. The Kings proved to everyone that they could hang in with the best of them.

After beating up Vince Carter and his Raptors last Friday, Corliss Williamson seems to be working himself into more playing time. Williamson poured in 25 points against Toronto and may see more playing time with Nick Anderson suffering from a sore knee. Point guard Tony Delk's playing time over Darrick Martin seems to be improving the Kings defense. The Phoenix Suns took a bad blow to their player roster when All-Star forward Tom Gugliotta's injury ended his season. Gugliotta was selected to the basketball team representing the United States at the Olympic games in Australia. Gug's bad luck opens a spot on the team for our own CHRIS WEBBER! It's either C-Webb or Vince Carter!

The Kings will travel to Portland on Tuesday night before they head home to host the Clippers on Wednesday night. The Clippers have always been a thorn in the Kings side so I hope they don't take the Clippers for granted because they have to play them again on Saturday in Los Angeles. The Kings must win both of these games if they want to move out of the eighth spot in the playoff hunt and gain ground on Seattle and Phoenix.

March Madness is starts on Thursday March 16th with the first round of the NCAA basketball tournament. The No. 1 seeds look pretty solid with two Pac 10 teams in Stanford (South) and Arizona (West). Duke heads up the East and Michigan State is the other No. 1 seed in the Midwest. The 64-team tournament one of the most of exciting sporting events of the year! Only one team will be crowned the National Champion when the smoke clears in Indianapolis on Monday, April 3rd. This tournament always has some shocking upsets and few Cinderella finishes to end their season. I'll save my tournament picks for the sweet sixteen, which starts next week (March 23 & 25), when the predictions are a little more challenging. But I will give you one possible upset to follow in each bracket! In the West, take Oklahoma to upset Purdue to reach the sweet sixteen. If Utah gets by St. Louis in the first round look for an upset over No. 1 seed Michigan State.

In the East, a long shot to reach the sweet sixteen is Oregon. In the South, the upset could be Tulsa against the shell shocked Cincinnati Bearcats. Remember both teams must win their first game, so take the underdog and the points.

Don't forget to watch Championship Boxing on HBO Saturday night featuring Sacramento's IBF junior-lightweight champion Diego Corrales. Corrales (30-0, 24 KO's) will be defending his title for the second time in a 12 round bout against the No. 1 contender Derrick Gainer (33-4, 21 KO's). The co-main event at the MGM Grand is shared with Champion Floyd Mayweather (22-0, 17 KO's) against the No. 1 contender Goyo Vargas (40-6-1, 28 KO's).

The River Cats reached 6,000 in season-ticket sales last week as they continue to juggle the team schedule. They have scheduled an April 5th exhibition game in Modesto before they open the season with a four game series in Fresno starting on Thursday, April 6th.

The River Cats, who are the A's Triple-A club, will play 37 road games in 40 days! After the series in Fresno the Cats will pack up their bags and head north to Washington for a four game series with Tacoma (April 10-13) and then its on to Utah for another four game series with Salt Lake City (April 14-17). The River Cats first home stand, a three-game "home-opening" series starting on Tuesday, April 18th (7:05 p.m.), has been moved to the Oakland Coliseum. The Wednesday game against Calgary is a 12:35 day game!

The Raley Field debut is set for Monday, May 15th at 7:05 p.m. The River Cats spring training camp ends on April 3rd and the team will be having reception for the season ticket holders and corporate sponsors on April 4th at Raley Field. It's not to late to purchase season tickets. Just call 447-HITS (4487) Go RIVER CATS!!!

See ya next week!!

Local youth rowers win two events in Bay Area

River City Rowing Club's junior crew nabbed two first-place finishes at regattas over the weekend. At the Redwood Shores 2000 meter varsity regatta Sunday, the girls' junior varsity 8 team of Katie Anderson, Rachel Appelblatt, Jeanne Bartkiewitz, Julia Halprin Jackson, Jennifer Levings, Mary Nicholl, Colleen O'Malley, Andrea Walter and coxswain Jessica Gamper had a time of 8:03.35, edging the team from Los Gatos Rowing Club by 3 seconds. The boys' junior varsity 4 team of Sean Barrow, Rafael Flores-Jones, Takeo Kuwabara, Ryan West and coxswain Katie Lai beat out Los Gatos Rowing Club and Serra/Notre Dame/Mercy High School for first place with a time of 8:05.7.

River City Rowing Club's best finish at Saturday's 1500 meter novice regatta at Lake Merced was third place, won by both the girls' A 4 team and the girls' B 4 team.

River City Rowing Club's junior crew includes members from Davis High School, King High School, Woodland High School, River City High School, Jesuit High School, Loretto High School, Christian Brothers High School, St. Francis High School, McClatchy High School, Emerson Junior High School and Holmes Junior High School, and is open to all students in eighth to twelfth grades.

The team practices at the Port of Sacramento in West Sacramento.

For more information contact head coach/women's varsity coach Jeff Weaver at (530) 758-3795. Other RCRC coaches are Chris Benoit, men's varsity; Mike Westlake, men's novice; and Sara Doucette, women's novice.

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River Cats seek announcer

The Sacramento River Cats host their first Pacific Coast League home game in West Sacramento's Raley Field on May 15th against the Edmonton Trappers, which is the Triple-A affiliate of the major league Anaheim Angels. The first game of their season, however, is on April 6th against the Fresno Grizzlies, and the River Cats are still without a mascot and a public-address announcer. The River Cats organization will hold auditions for both a mascot and a public-address announcer on March 18th at Laughs Unlimited, 1207 Front Street.

Anyone interested in either position should contact the River Cats at (916) 319-4700 or send a resume and tape to Mascot/PA Search, 1001 Second Street, Old Sacramento, CA 95814.

RCHS: winter sport awards

River City High School recently held its 1999-2000 Winter Sports Awards Banquet and Jon West, RCHS Athletic Director, said, "I want to personally congratulate all of the winter athletes for another successful season and thank them for all of the hard work and time they invested."

The following River City athletes were presented with awards at the banquet:

Varsity basketball (boys):
Malfred Shaw (MVP and All League Honorable Mention)
Yasser Salman (Most improved)
Roy Butz (New records for most charges taken in a game (3) and most charges taken in a season (17)

Varsity basketball (girls):
Farm Saeturn (Most improved)
Kelsey West (Best defensive player and All League Honorable Mention)
Delilah Arch (All League Honorable Mention)

JV basketball (boys):
Jared Leisure (Most improved)
Erik Rodriguez (Hardest worker)

JV basketball (girls):
Ashley Weldon, Leanne Briggs, Mai Saelee, Viqui Peralta, Amanda Carricker, Heather Fristoe, Nikki

Please see SPORTS, p. 9

Raiders' depth proves crucial in league match

It was just the first match of the 2000 Golden Empire League tennis season but its implications may be felt for the next two months. The four-time defending G.E.L. champion River City Raiders traveled north to Marysville last week and downed the host Indians 6 to 3. Along with Colfax, R.C. and Marysville figure to be in a three-team race for this year's league championship and the Raiders gained the early upper hand with the win.

The depth of the Raiders team, particularly on the girls side, proved to be the difference as the doubles teams of Erin Cheechov and Keonakone Lattasima (#1) and Ka Yang and Khounthavy Montry (#2) posted 10-3 and 10-1 wins respectively. Their girls singles teammates, Khonesavanh Lattasima (6-4, 6-0 at #1) and Sokpin Phoung (2-6, 6-3, 6-0 at #2) started slowly but turned up their play several notches to earn victories. Phoung's proved to be the decisive win for the overall team score. River City also won the #1 boys doubles match with Huy Troung and Andy Amphonephong playing their best tennis of the season in a 10-2 triumph. The mixed doubles team of Marith Khem and Tanna Phouanglasy won 10-7 to wrap up the day.

With the victory, the Raiders improved to 5 and 0 overall in 2000. A non-league match scheduled for earlier last week against Bret Harte was cancelled due to transportation problems. It will not be made up later. The Raiders remain both on the road and in the G.E.L. next week, traveling to Lindhurst, Lincoln, and Golden Sierra on March 14, 16, and 21. Their next home match is an important contest against Colfax on March 23 at 3:00 p.m.

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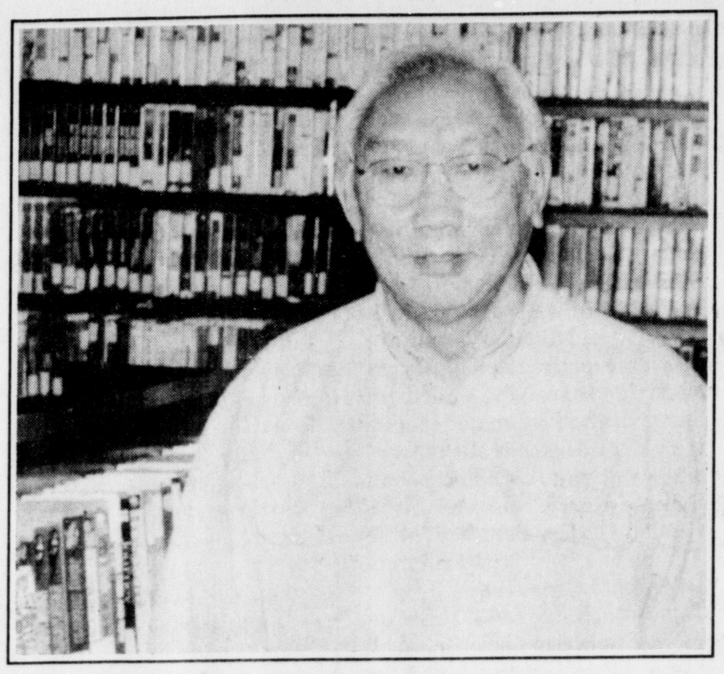
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By Daryl Fisher
Features Editor



'RICKY' ARUNYAKASEM *photo by BARRY BLACKLAW*

Vichai "Ricky" Arunyakasem was born and raised in Bangkok, Thailand and didn't come to the United States until he was 19 years old.

"I attended a Presbyterian church school in Thailand," remembered Ricky, "and back then, it was very common for students to spend a few years studying outside of the country to help them broaden their education. When I was offered a chance to attend Maryville College in Tennessee, I decided it was an opportunity I couldn't pass up."

When Ricky got to the United States, he was well-aware of the fact that his English speaking skills still needed some work.

"That's actually how I got my name," explained Ricky with a smile. "When I first got to Tennessee, I guess I talked a lot like that Ricky Ricardo guy on the *I Love Lucy* television show, so everyone just started calling me Ricky, and I've been Ricky ever since."

Ricky liked the United States in general, and Tennessee in particular, right away.

"Everyone was friendly and very nice to me," recalled Ricky, "and although my entire family is still in Thailand, including my brother and two sisters, I have never regretted staying in the United States and becoming an American. This is a wonderful country where if you work hard enough, almost anything is possible."

Ricky got married to a fellow student while he was in Tennessee, but both he and his new wife soon decided they wanted to move to a milder climate.

"I got tired of the snow," explained Ricky, "and since I had some friends and a niece in Sacramento, we decided to go to California. I enrolled in college, and since I had always liked working on cars, I also got myself a part-time job working at the old Shell gas station on 5th and I street in downtown Sacramento. The owner was a wonderful Japanese American man named Mori Eiri and we soon became very good friends. When he decided to buy a bigger station, I mentioned that I, too, would someday like to own my own gas station. He said, 'Well, then why don't you just buy this one?'. When I told him I didn't have very much money, he said not to worry about it and sold me the station anyway. Everyone needs a break in life, and that was mine, and I have always been very thankful to Mr. Eiri for helping me get started in my own business. He was the one who made everything possible for me."

Once Ricky was the owner of his own gas station, he soon learned how much work it was going to take to become successful.

"At first, I had to do pretty much everything by myself," remembered Ricky. "Seven days a week, I would get to work at 6 a.m. and wouldn't leave until after 7 p.m.. But in a few years, I was able to buy another station, this time in West Sacramento (the old Chevron station at 15th and Jefferson) and I've been a West Sacramentan ever since."

In his early days in West Sacramento, Ricky wasn't the only local businessman who was working hard in the oil and gas business.

"Frank and Bill Ramos were especially nice to me in those early years," recalls Ricky. "In fact, Frank used to even drive the gas truck that made the deliveries to my station. The thing I remember most about both of them was how hard they worked. If you don't like hard work, the oil and gas business is the wrong place to be."

Today Ricky is the owner of Rick's Chevron, which was recently opened on Jefferson Boulevard, and also the nearby Jefferson Video Store.

"Some years ago, I wanted to rent a video," explained Ricky, "and I had to drive all the way out to El Camino Avenue to get one, so I decided a good video store was something West Sacramento really needed. It's not always easy to compete with the Blockbusters of this world, but we've got all the new movies here at Jefferson Video and we're also very lucky to have a lot of loyal customers who shop here all the time."

One of the things Ricky is most proud of is all the jobs he's been able to provide for local youth during his almost 40 years as a West Sacramento businessman.

"I worry sometimes that the young people of today aren't taking enough responsibility for their own decisions and lives," said Ricky, "and that they don't value hard work as much as they should. But over the years, I have had quite a number of very good young employees and I try to be helpful to them like Mr. Eiri was to me. Like I said, everyone needs a break in this life, but when it comes, you have to be willing to work hard and take advantage of it."

Ricky recently returned from a three-week vacation to his native Thailand.

"Thailand is still a great place to visit, with all of its beautiful beaches and nice hotels," said Ricky, "but West Sacramento is my real home. The people here have always been great to me, and since I'm pretty much of a workaholic that doesn't really believe in retirement, I hope to be doing business here for many, many more years."

Ricky is married to Vachira Homsilpakul, who also does the bookkeeping for his businesses. Ricky has one daughter, 30-year Jennifer, who is a correctional officer in Fresno.

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The fictitious business name referred to above on Feb. 22, 2000.

Ellas G. Morris and Eddiena M. Morris, same address as above.

This business was conducted by Husband & Wife.

/s/Ellas G. Morris
/s/Eddiena M. Morris

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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The following person is doing business as Bud-Dee Distributing, 26378 Robin St., Esparto, CA 95627:

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The following person is doing business as PM Truck Repair, 3740 Commerce Dr., West Sac., CA 95691:

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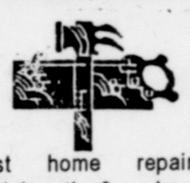
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/s/THOMAS E. WARRINER
JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT
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In the Matter of JOHN SALAZAR, Minor.
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TO: John Flores and All Persons Claiming to be the Father of the Minor:
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Filed Feb. 17, 2000
File No. 2000-137
The following person is doing business Adventure Sports Associates Plus; Adventure Sports Online, 21 Locust St., Woodland, CA 95695:
Ronald D. Hilbert and Laurel A. King, same address as above.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/7/95.
/s/Laurel A. King
/s/Ronald Hilbert.
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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Feb 17, 2000
by: /s/Lupe Ramirez, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb 18, 2000
File No. 2000-141
The following person is doing business as Kengoh, 517 Oxford Cir. #107, Davis, CA 95616:
Phan Lun, same address.
This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/18/2000.
/s/Phan Lun
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Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Feb 18, 2000
by: /s/Vickie L. Watkins, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb 25, 2000
File No. 2000-154
The following person is doing business as ARIANA Food Market, 1638A West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento CA 95691:
Assad Raheb and Agasayed Naibkhyl, 1638A W. Capitol Ave., W. Sacto., CA 95691.
This business is conducted by Co-Partners. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2-25-2000.
/s/Assad Raheb
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Date: Feb 25, 2000
by: /s/Lupe Ramirez, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar 1, 2000
File No. 2000-165
The following person is doing business as Vega Scientific, 300 First Street, Davis, CA 95616:
William L. Miller, 300 First Street, Davis, CA 95616.
This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/25/1999. Previous fictitious business name number 1999 57 0099523-00; 1999 57 0099622-00.
/s/William L. Miller
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County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Mar 1, 2000
by: /s/Victoria Barnes, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb 29, 2000
File No. 2000-159
The following person is doing business as Sanctuary Ranch, 17965 Rd. 85B Esparto, CA 95627:
David L. Kendrick and Jody F. Trotter, 17965 85B, Esparto, CA 95627.
This business is conducted by Husband and Wife. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3-22-95. Previous fictitious business name number 95-200
/s/David L. Kendrick
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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Feb 29, 2000
by: /s/Georgie Tolle, Deputy Clerk
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CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CHARGES FOR SEWER CONNECTION AND SERVICE AND ON LIEN TO BE IMPOSED IN CONNECTION WITH INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS OF SUCH CHARGES (ARLINGTON OAKS SUBDIVISION, UNITS 1 AND 2)
The City Council of the City of West Sacramento will hold a hearing on the matters described below on Wednesday, April 12, 2000, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., at its regular meeting place, 1350 Halyard Drive, West Sacramento, California.
The City of West Sacramento (the "City") provides sewage collection, treatment and disposal services to properties in the City. To meet the costs of these services, the City Council has established a system of rates and charges, including a monthly sewer service charge for services provided by the City and connection charges for persons desiring to connect to the City's sewage system.
The City intends to construct an extension of its main sewers, including laterals, to serve the lots within the subdivisions known as the Arlington Oaks Subdivision Unit 1 and the Arlington Oaks Subdivision Unit 2. Along with this construction the City proposes to impose a sewer service charge, a cost reimbursement charge, and a connection charge, as described below.
The sewer service charge would be established based upon the cost to collect, transport and treat residential strength wastewater from a single family residence, or residential unit equivalent, computed at 200 gallons per day. A cost reimbursement charge would be established based on the City's cost of constructing the service sewer lines to connect the residences to the laterals, and abandoning the existing septic tanks. Connection charges would be established based upon: (a) the cost of constructing the main sewers and laterals; and (b) the demand on the sewage system by a single family residential as differentiated from commercial and industrial users by volume and strength of flow.
Should the City proceed with the construction of the main sewers and laterals, you will be notified by the City when the construction has been completed. Within thirty (30) days after the City mails that notice, you may cause your property to be connected to the public sewer, through the construction and connection of a service sewer line, at your cost and expense. If you elect not to do so the City, in accordance with California Health and Safety Code Section 5463, will connect your residence to the public main by constructing the service sewer line and causing the abandonment of the existing septic tank. If the City constructs the service sewer line and you do not elect to repay the City, within thirty (30) days after its completion, for all costs incurred by the City in constructing the service sewer line, abandoning the septic tank, and connecting your residence to the public sewer, the City will have a lien upon your property for the cost of such connection, including the work done and materials furnished, such lien to be imposed under the authority of California Health and Safety Code Sections 5463 and 5474.
Beginning in the month following the connection of your residence to the public sewer, the sewer service charge will be imposed in the amount of $21.18 per month.
If a lien is imposed against your property for the costs of connecting your property to the public sewer, as described above, then in accordance with California Health and Safety Code Section 5474, the amount represented by such lien will be payable in installments as follows:
(a) The schedule of charges to be imposed is as follows:
(i) A cost reimbursement charge to reimburse the City for the cost of constructing the service sewer line to your residence (and abandoning the existing septic tank): a total of $3,248, together with interest at the rate of 6% per annum, due and payable in 180 monthly installments (over a 15-year period) at the rate of $18 per month, such installments to be collected with your monthly sewer service charge. At the end of this 15-year period, interest will cease to accrue, and payment of the remaining principal amount will become due and payable upon the sale of the property; provided that, if the property is sold before payment of the final installment, then the remaining unpaid principal amount will be immediately due and payable.
(ii) A connection charge for your portion of the cost of constructing the main sewers and laterals in the amount of $4,922, together with interest at the rate of 6% per annum, due and payable in 180 monthly installments (over a 15-year period) at the rate of $27 per month, such installments to be collected with your monthly sewer service charge. At the end of this 15-year period, interest will cease to accrue, and payment of the remaining principal amount will become due and payable upon the sale of the property; provided that, if the property is sold before payment of the final installment, then the remaining unpaid principal amount will be immediately due and payable.
(iii) A connection charge of $4,024 for connecting the service sewer line to the public sewer, plus deferred interest at the rate of 3% per annum, due and payable in full upon the sale of the property.
(b)The property which is subject to these charges, of which your property is a portion, is described as: Arlington Oaks Subdivision, Unit 1, Lots 1-99, recorded October 23, 1952 in Map Book 4, Pages 49-50, in the Office of the Yolo County Recorder, and Arlington Oaks Subdivision, Unit 2, Lots 101-220, recorded April 30, 1953 in Map Book 4, Pages 57-58 in the Office of the Yolo County Recorder.
(c) The times at which these charges shall be become due are as described in item (a) above.
(d) For the charges to be collected in installments as described in items (a) (i) and (ii) above, the number of installments shall be 180 monthly installments, beginning with the initial imposition of the charges, unless the property is sold prior to payment of the final installment, in which case the full balance of the lien will become due and payable. Upon payment of the final monthly installment, the unpaid principal balance, shall be payable as set forth in items (a)(i) and (ii) above.
(e) For the charges to be collected in installments as described in items (a) (i) and (ii) above, there is no prepayment penalty; payment in full, plus accrued interest, may be made at any time.
(f) The rate of interest to be paid on the amount represented by the lien shall be 6% per annum with respect to items (a) (i) and (ii) above, and shall be 3% per annum with respect to item (a) (iii) above.
(g) These charges and interest thereon shall constitute a lien against the lots or parcels of land to which the facilities are furnished. A Notice of Lien will be recorded in the Office of Yolo County Recorder.
The time and place at which the City Council will hold a hearing at which persons may appear and present any and all objections they may have to the imposition of the charges and imposition of a lien against the land is as indicated above.
If you need assistance determining the proposed imposition of the charges applicable to your property, or desire to review the data on which the charges are calculated, please contact the City's Finance Director at (916) 373-5816 during regular office hours, Monday through Friday.
By order of the City Council of the City of West Sacramento.
Dated: February 23, 2000
Leigh P. Keicher
Finance Director
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb 18, 2000
File No. 2000-142
The following person is doing business as Eve's Automotive, 2707 Brentwood Pl., Davis CA 95616:
James George, same address.
This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/18/00.
/s/James George
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County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Feb 18, 2000
by: /s/Josie Ramirez, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 15, 1999
File No. 99-841
The following person is doing business as 1) GrandRound Consulting; 2) iRounds; 3) James Lawrence, 200 4H Solano Park Circle, Davis CA 95616:
Dr. Jie Zhou and Dr. Xuqiong Wu, same address as above.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 18, 1999.
/s/Jie Zhou, Managing Partner and Xuqiong Wu
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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Dec 17, 1999
by: /s/Georgie Tolle, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb. 16, 2000
File No. 2000-133
The following person is doing business as Tender Loving Care, 1401 Halyard Drive, Suite 120, West Sacramento CA 95691:
Staff Builders Services, Inc., a Delaware corporation, 1983 Marcus Avenue, Lake Success, NY 11042.
This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on n/a.
/s/Renee J. Silver, Vice President Staff Builders Services
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Local Items

The Sacramento river registered 4 feet 10 inches, U. S. gauge, at the Southern Pacific bridge yesterday.

Last Tuesday a runaway accident on the Yolo side of the Southern Pacific bridge looked so serious for a time that it seemed absolutely evident some lives would be lost. Fortunately everything turned out with a great deal of excitement and no damage to any one, not even to the horses being driven by a couple of Japanese and who became frightened at a sheet of paper which blew between them on the incline of the bridge. Tearing down the incline they could not be stopped and nearly turned over the watchman's shanty at the Third street crossing, then down the side of the embankment for about 100 feet, where one of the horses fell and the wagon piled on top of both of them. The two Japs were thrown clear of wreckage but were pelted by lettuce crates which made up the load. Fortunately, the horses remained quiet when down and with the help of all the men in the locality were soon extricated without damage. The wagon had to be turned over completely before the shafts could be straightened out again.

On Sunday morning the auto truck owned by the Sacramento Reduction Works and coming to this side of the river skidded or slid into the automobile owned by Tony Sousa and driven by him on his way to Sacramento. There was slight damage to the truck but a good deal of damage to the auto owned by Sousa. The peculiar part of it was that, although Sousa was on his part of the road and on his right-of-way, he was placed under arrest in Sacramento where he remained for several hours. He is again at liberty.

Frank Weber of Davis was a visitor in town yesterday, renewing old acquaintances and collecting rents that come to him regularly in Washington.

Joseph O'Neill, familiarly known as "Red," who hangs around the Hoffman saloon in his spare time, has just reurned from Westwood, Lassen County, where he has been working for the Lassen Lumber Co. "Red" says booze is quite plentiful about that dry section of the country, but too dry for him, because he does not like to be a sneak at any time.

Frank T. Brown told an interesting story yesterday in relation to R. W. Thompson, who dropped dead in Sacramento on or about December 15th, from influenza. Thompson was a native of New Zealand or Australia and through the fortunes of war would have been in possession of a fortune on or about January 15th next in the amount of about $115,000. Brown had worked with Thompson for several years in the employ of Harbinson Bros., and in other localities in the State of California and Nevada. Brown has tried to locate Thompson's remains but has been unable so far, and since Thompson was the only heir to the fortune above mentioned, there is a probability that later inquiry will be successful in securing further details.

Next Monday, January 6th, Constable Henry Buckingham will be installed in the office of Town Constable and J. D. Barry will succeed himself in the position of Justice of the Peace. The cabinet selected some time ago to help out Buckingham in his efforts to keep peace and quiet for the next four years has been dismissed for lack of evidence. Probably the town wits may select another cabinet for him of a more congenial disposition.

Last Wednesday a tarpaulin owned by Bob Hill and used to cover some hay in the Todhunter place at Third and Elizabeth streets was taken by some petty thief. Ira Davis saw the fellow walk away with the canvas but believing that he had Hill's permission to take it, did not intercept him. Bob needs the canvas very badly and is out looking for the fellow who stole it.

Louis Palm is at home from the hospital, where he was confined for three weeks, following an operation for appendicitis. He is improving nicely now and as Mrs. E. A. Palm is chief cook, it is needless to say that he will soon be himself again.

Business at the Washington Grocery during the Xmas holidays was so brisk that extra help had to be employed during the season. Mrs. Kinch, with her brother-in-law, are gradually adding to a splendid stock of goods and through their courtesy and fair prices are also adding customers every day.

C. M. Bowlen of Riverbank is again able to attend to his business at the Wood-Curtis store in Sacramento after two weeks absence, durwhich he was a victim of influenza. At the same time, four of his children were down and Mrs. Bowlen seriously ill. All have recovered except Mrs. Bowlen who is suffering from nervous break-down.

J. Trudell has practically disposed of his junk business in Washington and bought a grocery store in Sacramento, located on M street between 15th and 16th. During the past three years, Jack, as he was familiarly known, or Junkie Jack, did a thriving business in the locality and his many friends wish him success in his new venture.

C. W. Templar from Imlay, Nevada, has been a visitor in Washington during several days past. He says that Nevada is the funniest thing on the face of the globe under a dry regime. The people simply think they are dry and even make believe they are dry all the time and they consume booze like they always did. They simply keep on drinking now where formerly they rested once in a while.

George Newton, who has been a member of the Washington, D. C., police department during the past several months, has returned to Washington, Y. C., to make his future home. George says it is too darned cold in that country for a human being and there are too many barebones to watch an honest man at his work. He says he would rather work for $20 a month hauling rock than for $150 a month on the Police Force of the National Capitol. He is back at work hauling rock with Percy Hart for the concrete roadway in the Sutter Basin.

G. M. Purinton who uses the Leinberger slaughter house periodically for the killing of cattle, especially veal, has been enjoying considerable prosperity the short time he has been a resident of Yolo County. Formerly he was a resident of San Jose, where he conducted a wholesale butcher business.

Charles Parlin, a freight handler at the Southern Pacific sheds, was sentenced to 60 days in the County Jail by Judge Barry last Tuesday. He pleaded guilty to the theft of two bottles of gin from a case which he had found open in the freight sheds and brought them to his scow at this side of the river where he proceeded to celebrate the New Year with some friends. A warrant for his arrest was sworn to by railroad detective V. McShane.

Mrs. Charles Hines and children are at their home in Riverbank after a few days vacation in San Francisco.

Harley Gallup spent a furlough of ten days with his sister in Riverbank during the holiday season. He has returned to St. Louis.

Alfred Evans returned to New York after a ten days' furlough which had been given him by the Navy authorities so that he might attend the funeral of his father, Thomas Evans. His mother, Mrs. Evans, has asked for his discharge because she is entirely dependent on him for support. In all probability it will be granted him.

Ray Russell was at home during the holiday season on furlough from Mare Island. He has returned to his post again.

Eighteen cases of influenza prevailed in Washington on New Year's Day, but some were of such a slight character that the afflicted were recovering rapidly. There is no doubt however, that the disease has taken its toll at this side of the river as well as elsewhere.

Mrs. Thomas Williams who has been down with the influenza is gradually recovering.

Norman White has been at home during the holidays from Camp Fremont where he has been in the service of his country during the past six months. He expects his final discharge very soon. His brother, F. L. White, is confined to a hospital in Camp Dix, New Jersey.

Miss Veda White has been confined to her home here with a slight case of the influenza. She is able to be around her home and expects to be out in a few days.

Word has been received from Stockton of the death of Ed Todhunter, a former resident of Washington and brother of Frank, John, and Bert Todhunter. He was 52 years of age, the cause of his death being influenza.

OPENING OF SCHOOL INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

The trustees of the Washington Public School have decided that the session will not be opened within the coming week or until the epidemic of influenza has decreased.

At the present time it is dangerous to subject the children to contagion because it is known that on New Year's Day there were eighteen cases of the disease in the town and nearly all among children.

One of the trustees said to the Independent yesterday that the lost time can easily be made up by cutting out the non-essential studies during the remainder of the term after the school opens and permitting the children to devote all their time to the subjects that are considered essential.

Trustee White was in Woodland a few days ago and secured from the County Superintendent of Schools her consent to this idea.

The date for opening cannot be announced at this time but due notice will be given in the Independent as soon as possible.

MERKLEY'S DEATH CAUSED BY PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

Taken down with influenza about ten days ago, John J. Merkley, a victime of tuberculosis, died at his home near Vin Station, on the Sacramento Northern Railway, north of Washington, on New Year's Eve.

For some time, John Merkley had been suffering with the trouble but owing to his age his relatives felt that he would overcome the disease. He was less than 24 years of age.

John Merkley was a bright, intelligent young fellow and on the death of his father nearly two years ago, succeeded to the management of the ranch owned by his mother.

Besides her, he leaves Mrs. Howard Williams, a sister, Ella, Ruth and Jessie C. Merkley to mourn him.

He was a native of the place where his death occurred and was a sober and industrious young man.

His funeral was held last Thursday from the undertaking parlors of Miller & Skelton in Sacramento and was strictly private.

LEVEES FOR SACRAMENTO BY-PASS BEING BUILT

A suction dredger has been at work for some time in the Sacramento River at the Sacramento By-pass filling or building the levees at either side of the pass to guard the land outside the by-pass.

The work is progressing slowly but as fast as may be expected under the conditions. Sand is being pumped from the bed of the stream to make the filling which will probably be finished before the end of January.

This work has been in progress for several years, Sacramento City bonding itself for the building of the weir proper and the State Reclamation Board taking over the balance of the work as a part and parcel of the State reclamation scheme in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys.

Following the completion of these levees at either side of the by-pass to the Yolo Basin, the front levee will be leveled leaving the weir exposed to the river and permitting any undue excess water to flow over the weir and into the basin.

So much delay has been occasioned in this work that many people became of the impression that it would never be finished. It is now in a fair way to be completed before any winter flood and the present stage of the river seems to guarantee there will be no trouble during this winter season.

CRIPPLE KILLED BY FALL FROM TRUCK

Last Saturday evening Wm. Emerson, a resident of Sacramento and legless, while riding on a truck on Second street near the railroad embankment with his companion, A. H. Flint, was jolted from the seat and fell a distance of about 10 feet.

When picked up, Emerson was in a precarious condition and on removal to the Emergency Hospital in Sacramento where he was given first aid, he died.

Flint and Emerson had been at work hauling wood for Hart and Brietzke. After their day's work was completed they were returning to Sacramento. The truck struck a rut which jolted Emerson from the seat resulting in his death.

A verdict of accidental death was rendered by a jury in Coroner Fenton's court.

LARGE SUM INVESTED IN WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

The residents of Washington District have invested in War Savings Stamps up till December 31, 1918, the great sum of $13,264.30. This is somewhat short of the quota apportioned to the district but is nevertheless a splendid showing for the people of this district.

Yolo County, as a whole, has gone over its allotment of $300,000.

Stamps are still on sale at the Post Office in Washington, with the probability that the alloted amount will be reached within the coming month.

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OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial:

Public says superintendent has to clean up act

(Note: This week's editorial is penned by Features Editor Daryl Fisher, instead of the usual writer, editor Steve Marschke.)

For all who witnessed it, either in person or on cable television like I did, last Thursday night's meeting of the Washington Unified School District was a truly sad sight to behold. If a person didn't know better, one might have thought the meeting was being held in the heart of Red China instead of the auditorium at Yolo High School.

More specifically, it wasn't too long after the meeting had been called to order that Board President Ardeene Westvik and Board Member Dave Farmer quickly motioned and seconded that Superintendent Dr. Dennis Kelleher's annual contract (which is currently at $102,278 plus benefits) be extended until the year 2003. Believing that the contract extension was about to be rammed down their throats, the 30 or so concerned citizens who had gone to the meeting specifically to oppose it demanded that their representatives be heard. Although they eventually prevailed, I can't remember an uglier incident at a WUSD school board meeting, and that's really saying something.

As a former trustee of the WUSD Board of Education, I thought I had seen just about everything. During my four-plus years on the board, there were any number of bitter disagreements on policy matters, board members would call other board members unprintable names from time to time, and I even found myself angrily storming out of meetings on a much-too regular basis. But no matter how bad things got, no matter how heated the rhetoric, the citizens of this community were ALWAYS encouraged to speak their minds. Not so on Thursday night.

The first question that needs to be asked is why a contract extension for Dr. Kelleher was on the school board's agenda in the first place. The last time I looked, the Washington Unified School District was under-performing on just about every level that can be empirically measured. And in areas which are more subjective, like school board member cooperation, teacher and administrator support of the superintendent, and the kind of harmonious teamwork it takes to move a struggling school district likes ours forward, I for one can see nothing that points to the absolute necessity of having Dr. Kelleher's contract extended through June 30, 2003.

By insisting that his contract extension be agendized and voted on (even though on his February 24th annual evaluation he received an overall rating of "satisfactory" from only three of the five WUSD trustees) Dr. Kelleher only ended up hanging his supporters (of which I counted three) out to dry. In the past, Mrs. Westvik and Mr. Farmer could usually rely on the vote of board member Ed Hocking in their endless 3-2 struggles with trustees Irene Eklund and Pat Flint, but not so last Thursday night. And when it finally became obvious that Mr. Hocking preferred to table the agenda item concerning Dr. Kelleher's contract (which in reality means it will be right back on the agenda in April if Dr. Kelleher doesn't pull it off) the jig was up. Although it took the "meeting from hell" to do it, it finally appears that the superintendent's previously solid three-vote board majority has a crack in it that will soon be large enough to drive a Sherman tank through, if community input continues to be ignored.

So, who's really to blame for last Thursday night's embarrassment of a meeting? To begin with, there's Irene Eklund and Pat Flint, who, along with former board member Hal Williams, absolutely insisted on hiring Dr. Kelleher in the first place, and did so without requiring him to compete with a single other potential candidate, even though he had never been a superintendent before. Second, there's Mrs. Westvik, Mr. Farmer, and Mr. Hocking, who have continually supported Dr. Kelleher's every move and refused to rein him in, or even seriously address the countless Brown Act violations that this newspaper has reported *ad nauseum*. Third, there's a handful of well-paid district managers who work closely with Dr. Kelleher and apparently value their jobs more than they do the health and welfare of our school district. Fourth, there's the parents of school-age children in this community (of which I am one) who until now, just didn't want to get all that involved. And finally, there's Dr. Kelleher himself, who needs to clearly understand that his contract extension is not a priority with this community and if he really wants to continue to be the superintendent of the Washington Unified School District, then his management style needs to start being described as inclusive, considerate, and inspiring, instead of rude, dictatorial and vindictive.

Can things really change? They had better, because I seriously doubt if this community will stand for another school board meeting like the one they witnessed last week. In the very near future, West Sacramento is going to grow like it's never grown before. New homes will be filling up with new families and our public school district will be scrutinized like never before. With the adoption of new state standards, for better or worse, real accountability is just around the corner. It's time -- it's past time -- for the professionals we've hired to run our school district to be just that, professionals, and it's time for the citizens we elected to oversee the whole process to demand nothing less. If they do, then maybe there'll actually be contracts worth extending, and trustees worth voting for again.

Letters to the Editor

Message to WUSD

(Editor's note: Following is the text delivered to the school board of the Washington Unified School District at Thursday's meeting, concerning the possible extension of the superintendent's contract.)

Good Evening, my name is Frank Crandall. I represent the newly formed Committee for Educational Improvement in the WUSD. As I am sure you are aware, West Sacramento parents and interested community members met last night for the first time to form a group whose primary mission is to improve the quality of education in the WUSD, insure that the schools are safe for all students, and to get involved in those issues that have an impact on our students. We will be advocates for our children. This committee meeting was well attended and it is the intention of those present that the committee be permanently organized and continue to function as a viable organization.

Though the group has just begun we were able to reach a consensus last night about a very important issue before you tonight. That issue is the extension or renewal of Dr. Kelleher's Contract. As the commitee's representative I ask that you postpone this item and remove it from this meeting agenda and afford the citizens of West Sacramento an opportunity to appear before you and present testimony for your consideration. Believe me, the community has a lot to say about the current state of education in West Sacramento and their voice should be heard.

If, as members of the Washington Unified School District Board, you are unwilling to table this matter and insist on hearing the item tonight I request an opportunity to speak on the item.

As you can see, there are many parents standing behind me in the audience. Additionally, since last night, we have over 50 signatures of concerned community members supporting our position. The fact that they are standing symbolizes their support for the Committee's request to reconsider the extension or renewal of Dr. Kelleher's contract. In an effort to save time, and in an attempt to avoid repetition, we ask that you acknowledge, for the record, that those persons standing behind me do not support the extension or renewal of Dr. Kelleher's contract. If you are unwilling to make this acknowledgment we are all prepared to fill out request forms and to address the board, one by one, on this item. It is your choice to make.

At last nights meeting, we went through an exercise and I would like to share the results with you. Those persons present at the committee meeting offered their thoughts about the positive things going on in the district as well as the negatives. To each of those, we assigned responsibility. It was clear to us, as I am sure it is to you, that very little of the positive things can be attributed to Dr. Kelleher. We also concluded that he has direct responsibility for many of the negative issues. These lists scream volumes about the community's feelings about the leadership of the WUSD.

It is possible that you, as school board members, do not know some of the experiences that members of this community have had with Dr. Kelleher and the rude, disrespectful treatment that they have had to endure. At last night's committee meeting, parents recounted incidences where they were told to "shut up" by Dr. Kelleher, and one even had the police called on her because she went to his office asking for help. This is unacceptable and alone should be grounds for not renewing or extending Dr. Kelleher's contract. Additionally, members of the committee have spoken with teachers, counselors and other employees of the WUSD who say they are discouraged by the lack of leadership by the superintendent. In fact, many refer to it as "leadership by intimidation and retaliation". The fact that these persons came forward and confided that they don't get the support, consistency, or strong leadership they need to do the best job that they can, and the fact that they feel abandoned by the school board would explain, at least partially, the reason that 38 teachers left this district last year.

The Committee asks that the school board give us time to send out a confidential, voluntary survey to school employees to assess their true feelings about their leader. It would be ridiculous for this school board to renew or extend the contract of a superintendent who cannot command the respect of his subordinates. It is a travesty that a district that is so desperate for good quality teachers, loses them because of the superintendent.

There is so much more that must be said but we are limited by time. Let me conclude by saying that the Committee requests that you, as members of the school board, vote no on the renewal or extension of Dr. Kelleher's contract. The appointment of a new and able superintendent will be a positive sign to the community that this school board is sincerely committed to the quality of education in this district. On the other hand, if you vote to renew or extend Dr. Kelleher's contract, this community will interpret that to mean that the education of our children matters little to you. Please, for the community, the children and the future, do the right thing!

FRANK CRANDALL
West Sacramento

Get involved

I'm writing this letter out of concern for the children in our community. Over the last couple of years, I have chosen not to involve myself in the matters of the School Board. Even though I was bothered and concerned by some of the decisions they were making, and the lack of leadership Superintendent Dr. Kelleher was providing, I knew that if I got involved and voiced my opinion, I would only be banging my head against a brick wall. It was easier just to volunteer at my children's school. Now, I realize that decision was wrong. By not voicing my opinion and encouraging those around me to do the same, the ones who have been hurt are the children in the WUSD.

After attending the Board meeting last Thursday, I am appalled by the conduct of some of the Board members and totally amazed that this kind of conduct would exist outside of what I see on the news regarding Sac-City Unified and Grant Unified School Board meetings.

I did not realize Dr. Kelleher's contract was up for extension, but then again, I was amazed when he was given a contract (through the year 2002) to be superintendent at all! Only by chance did I find out what was on the agenda (due to something that happened at the school my children attend) and I mention this because there has been accusations made that someone instigated the parents attending the Board meeting. That is not the case at all! The only ones who had any influence over my decision to address the Board of Education last Thursday night are the three precious children I have been blessed with.

I'm not going to rehash old issues, but I want to

Please see LETTERS, p. 9

Response to 'vulgarity' letter

The March 1 issue of the News-Ledger *included a letter from resident Gene Gardner criticizing different kinds of vulgarity he believed were present in local schools.*

River City High School Journalism instructor assigned her students, as a class project, the task of reading and responding to this letter. She did not instruct them whether to defend it or rebut it. Eight of the class's responses -- all critical of Mr. Gardner's point of view -- were turned in to the News-Ledger *for publication. Here are three:*

I honestly think that the views of Gene Gardner are hilarious! Pure comedy! His views of the obstruction of children's welfare are completely exaggerated. I don't know what drove this cynical man to write something so cruel and, as far as my eyes can see, untrue. School is definitely not the "breeding ground for homosexuality, cults, filthy language and sexual harassment," and to even insinuate that teachers may be influencing children to act or be so is ludicrous! I thought that the parents influenced children's acts and the outcome of their sexuality. This man needs to be more open-minded. People become the persons they are because of the way they are raised and the type of friends they have. Teachers have better things to teach students, and those teachings do not involve any form of vulgarity. This man puts down the society of teachers and youth, and his reasoning is quite amusing to me. He should worry about the people he is personally involved with and especially his own children, if he has some, because whether he is aware of it or not, his closed-minded behavior is breeding more closed-minded individuals.

JIMMY YANEZ

As a student of River City High I was appalled by Mr. Gardner's accusations of "unsupervised areas of the school campus as breeding grounds to the spread of homosexuality, cults, filthy language, and sexual harassment." I would like to know where he got his support for these accusations. Unfortunately, the writer has been greatly misinformed. I have never in my four years of attending River City noticed any such problem of cults or sexual harassment.

In the letter, references are made about a teacher who brought a book from home to read to his or her students. I think that bringing in outside material is a sign of a good teacher. A teacher that takes time to find other information that relates to their lesson plan is one of the better ones. I can speak from personal experience that outside sources have only enhanced my educational experience.

My suggestion to the writer is to research such accusations before making them. The writer might even want to actually spend some time in one of these "breeding grounds". I know that he would be pleasantly surprised at what he would find.

JENNIFER FIDDLER

I am outraged! The letter has no basis for nor evidence of its accusations. Not only did Mr. Gardner insult teachers and students, but parents as well. River City is far from the "breeding grounds of homosexuality, cults, filthy language and sexual harassment." River City's approved literature does not encourage any of the suggested things.

Literature is meant to inform and educate, not demoralize students. Anything "vulgar" in the literature is obviously negative and not meant to be an example for students. Teachers do not "isolate and ridicule" students for standing up for their beliefs and asking for alternative assignments. They don't mind at all and students do not even care what their peers are reading.

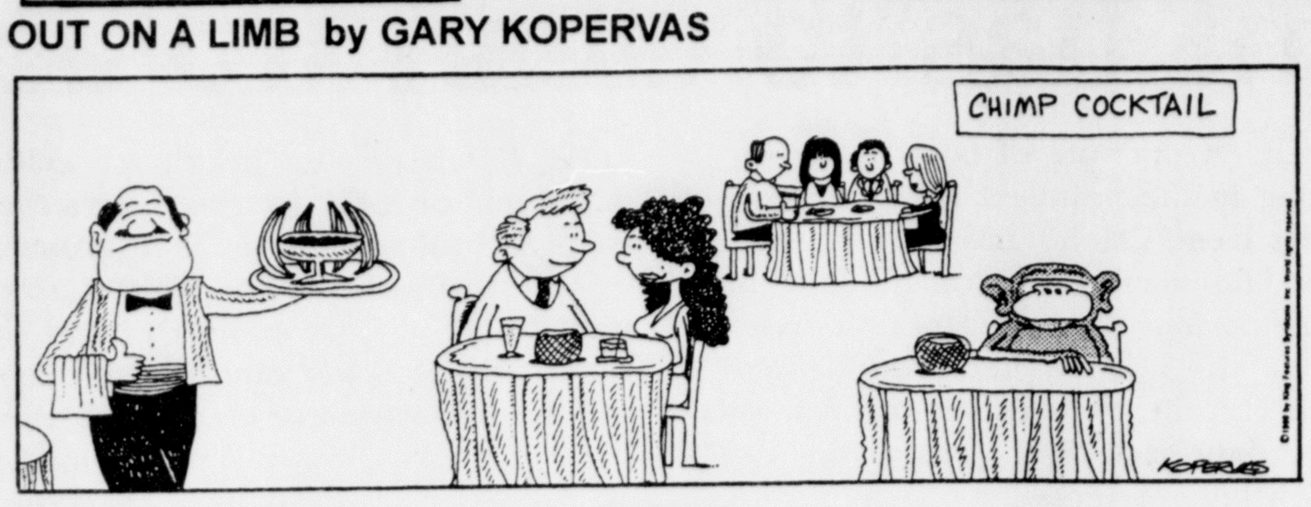
The accusations were outrageous and unsupported. If this is such a major concern of Mr. Gardner's, he should do something about it. I would suggest to this majorly misinformed man to spend one day at River City and see if any of his accusations are actually true.

IVY BRANAMAN

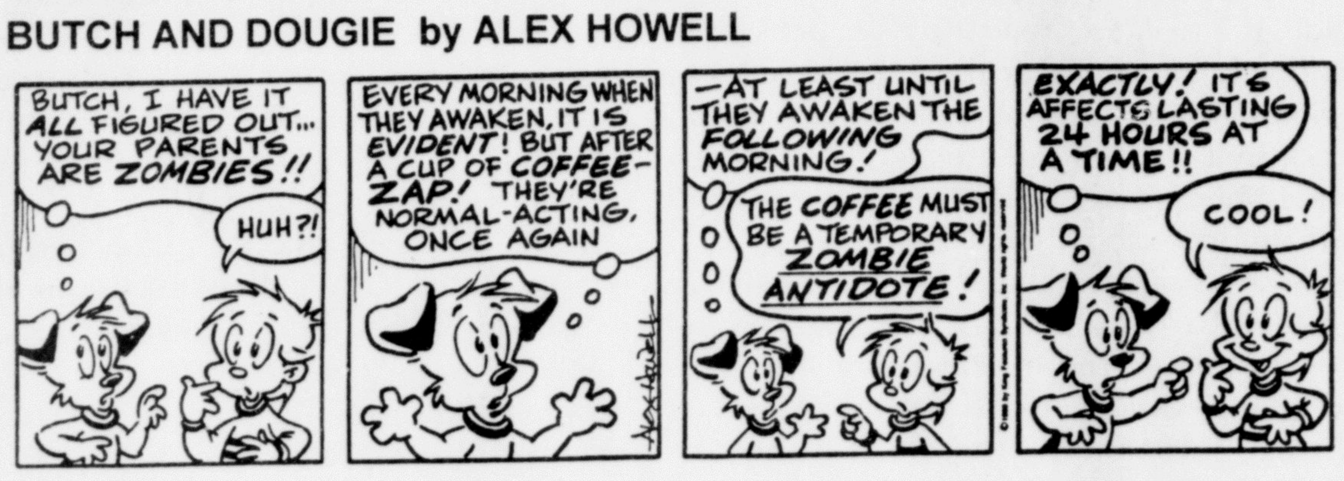
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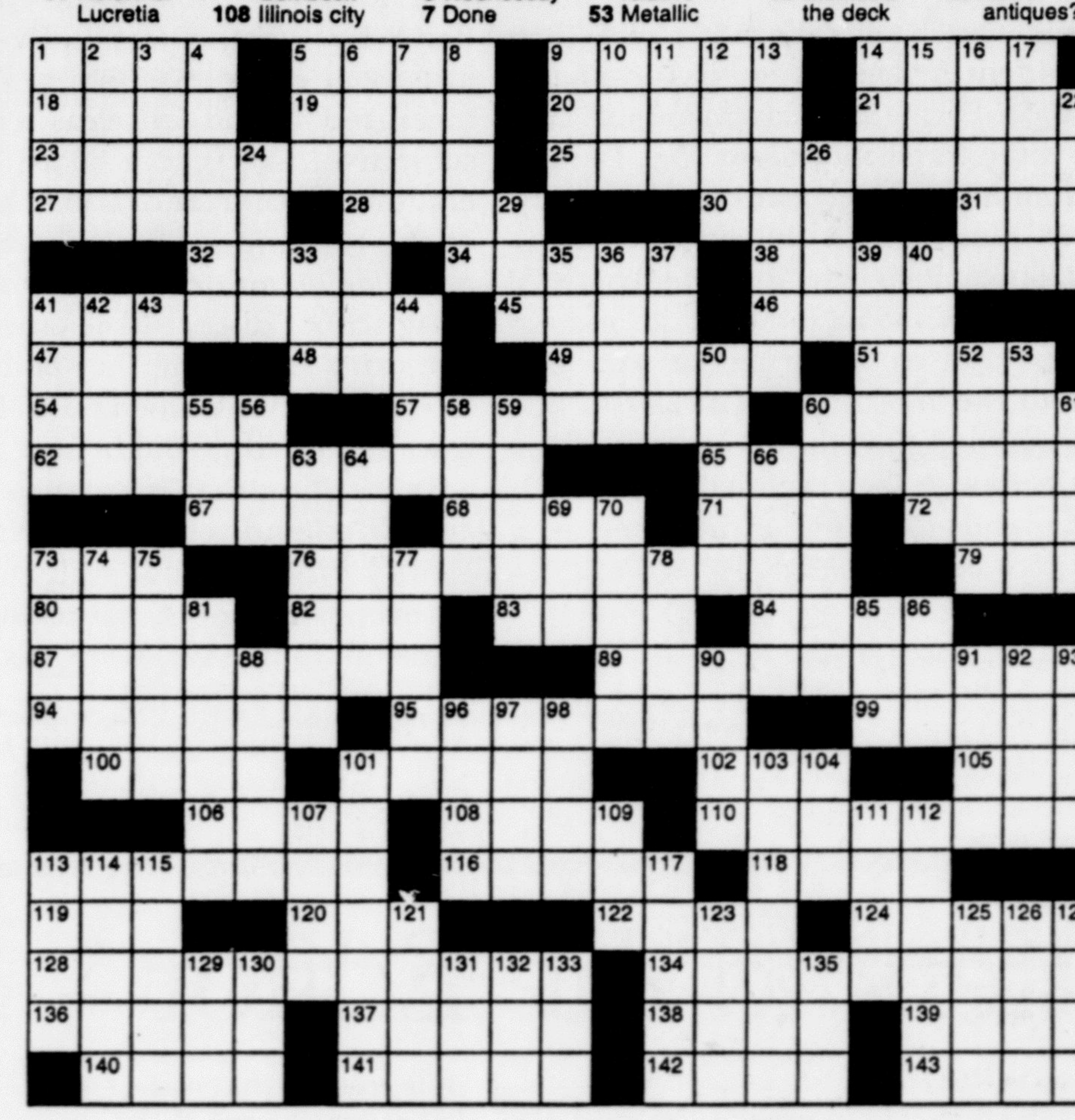




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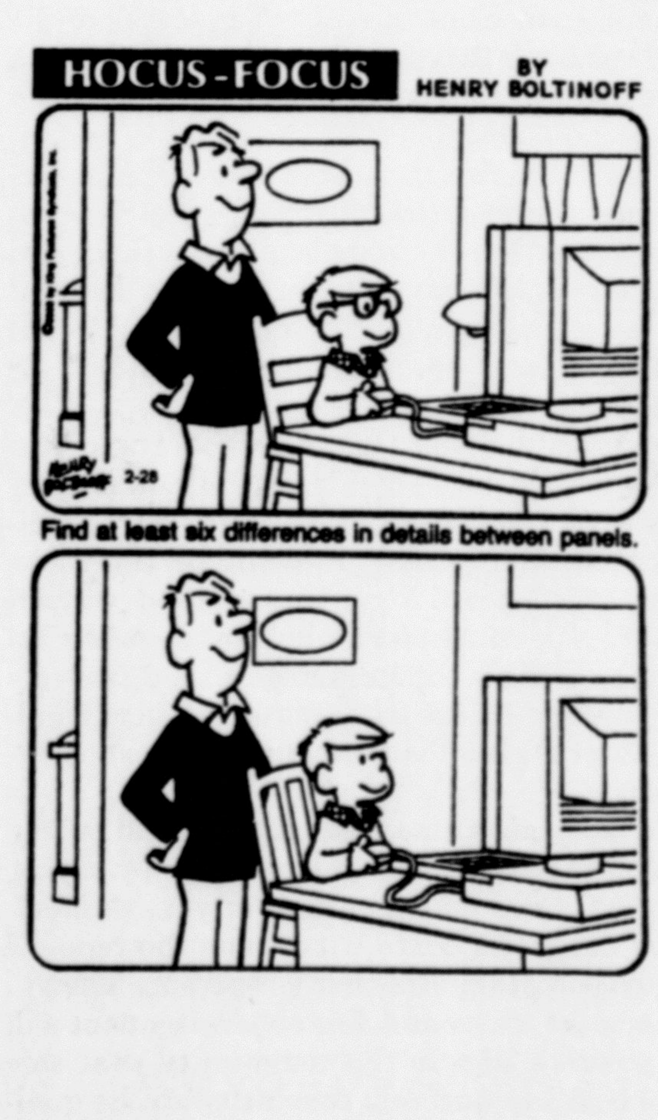
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27 Fantastic bargain
28 Envelop
30 "Xanadu" rock group
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34 Girl Scout unit
38 Diplomacy term
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43 Wilson or Weathers
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52 Riser's relative
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69 ". . . man — mouse?"
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92 Sicilian volcano
93 Distribute the deck
96 Trickle
97 A sweeping success?
98 Soldier on
101 More granular
103 Ideal
104 Woody herb
107 Director Nair
109 Long or Peeples
111 Surveyor's need
112 Most indolent
113 Cat's dogs
114 Harvests
115 Davis of "Evening Shade"
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123 Challenge
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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make it clear that no parent in the community should feel intimidated or belittled to go to the superintendent to express their concerns and opinions. It is obvious to me that Dr. Kelleher has no respect for the parents, staff, or his own administration by the way he handles people. I have personally witnessed him berate someone that did not agree with him. My husband and I have also been treated with total disrespect over issues that directly affected our children. This is not acceptable! And there are many other issues concerning our school district which raise concerns about Dr. Kelleher's leadership, but space does not allow for discussing all of them.

It is our job as parents to report every issue that concerns our children to the Board. Since I have been talking to parents, more and more issues and concerns have come up. How many good teachers and staff members need to leave before we take notice? How many people have to decide not to choose our community to live in or take their children somewhere where they feel the school district cares?

Our school district should not be run by personal vendetta or agenda, like or dislike, but by what is best for the children. We need to be a community united working along with the teachers, administrators and the Board to give our children what they need to succeed in life. It's up to us to get involved and not let anymore time go by before we do.

I want to thank the four Board members who voted to give the community an opportunity to voice their opinion before voting on an extension to Dr. Kelleher's contract. Now the rest is up to us. Please, for the future of your children, get involved!

DANNI LANGFORD
West Sacramento

Trustees need to grow up

I was personally embarrassed by the behavior of this city's school board members last Thursday night. If my children behaved in class the way our five trustees did at the meeting, my children would have been suspended from school. If they can't get along any better than that, then I think they all need to seriously consider letting five new people take over their jobs.

On the subject of extending the superintendent's contract to the year 2003, which started all the trouble in the first place, I can't believe the school board would even consider such a thing at this time. Our school district needs to show improvement in all kinds of areas and I for one want to see some results before the subject of giving Dr. Kelleher a longer contract is brought up at a school board meeting again.

Finally, I would urge parents to attend as many school board meetings as they can, even if they can't stay for the whole meeting. What takes place there affects the future of our children, and we all need to know what's going on.

DAVID BLAKE
West Sacramento

Citizen input vital

We have a chance to participate in determining the direction the future of West Sacramento will go by attending the Planning Commission and City Council meetings in the next few months, while they work on the General Plan Update. Items such as: keeping in the option for Sutterville and Enterprise Bridge to accommodate future growth; changing the Triangle Area plan to keep current businesses there; extend boundaries of the City to both North and South; and changes to level off service for city traffic intersections will be under consideration.

As the Dalai Lama, the leader of Tibet (and who has no country) says: "We are visitors on this planet. We are here for 90-100 years. . .during that period we must try to do something GOOD, something useful with our lives. Try to be at peace with yourself and help others share that peace. If you contribute to others' happiness, you will find the true goal, the meaning of life."

This is our chance to protect our piece of the planet, plan the future for our children and do something "GOOD and useful" for our own and others' happiness. Our City's leaders need and deserve our input on the direction we want the city to go.

MARGY YUTZY
West Sacramento

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The following person is doing business as Gearhead Records, 610 22nd St. #302, San Francisco, CA 94107:

Michelle Ann Haunold, 4315 Ashland Terrace Apt. A, Davis, CA 95616; Michael J. Lavella, 1916 Everett St., Alameda, CA 94501.

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/s/Michelle Ann Haunold

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The following person is doing business as M² Media, 27187 E. El Macero Drive, El Macero, CA 95618:

Julie Maxwell, 27187 E. El Macero Dr., El Macero, CA 95618.

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/s/Julie Maxwell

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The following person is doing business as Days Inn, 1524 E. Main St., Woodland CA 95776:

Arvind Patel, Jayesh Patel and Bhupendra Patel, same address as above.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/10/95. Previous fictitious business name number 95-102.

/s/Arvind Patel

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No.: 19999073503015 Loan No.: 3009059339 FHA/VA/MI No: 043-213491 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/28/76. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On March 29, 2000 at 12:00 PM, **Lonestar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C.,** as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 06/30/76, as Instrument No. 10690, in book 1198, page 440, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of YOLO County, State of California. Executed by JOHN STEVENS, AND DOROTHY STEVENS, HUSBAND AND WIFE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b). (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL AT 2101 STONE BLVD., WEST SACRAMENTO, CA. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust APN# 045-056-101. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2312 MANCHESTER STREET, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $10,504.00. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Date: 03/02/00, **First American Lenders Advantage**, Lonestar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C., 3 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA 92707, CHRISTY MCCLUNG, Authorized Signature, FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (916) 974-6099, 15000 Surveyor Boulevard, Suite 250, Addison, Texas 75001, (800) 795-5041, LONESTAR MORTGAGEE SERVICES, L.L.C., IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0072244, 03/08/00, 03/15/00, 03/22/00

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE: TS NO. 99-12377 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 8/29/1995. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described Property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: J. Antonio Solorio and Gabriela Bravo, husband and wife Duly Appointed Trustee: **Buckley & Associates,** Inc. Recorded 9/1/1995 as Instrument No. 95-0019614-00 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Yolo, County, California. Date of Sale: **3/28/2000 at 11:00 AM** Place of Sale: **At the Main Steps to the County Courthouse, 725 Court Street, Woodland, Ca** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **$96,852.47** Street Address or other common designation of real property: **817 Julian Dr. West Sacramento, California 95605** APN **014-278-051** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown, above. If no Street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the Property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Date: **March 02, 2000 Buckley & Associates,** Inc. 26522 La Alameda, Suite #200 Mission Viejo, California 92691 949-348-8826 Arlene C. Bowditch, Asst. Vice President C308656 3/8, 3/15, 3/22 2000

Fictitious Business Name Statement
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File No. 99-127

The following person is doing business as Bizzybezz, 436 Colusa Pl., Woodland CA 95695:

Rick L. Bonin and Melissa K. Bonin, same address as above.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/11/00.

/s/Rick L. Bonin
Melissa K. Bonin

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received at the offices of Caroline Quinn, City Engineer, Engineering Division, 1951 South River Road, West Sacramento, California until 2:00 p.m. local time on April 5, 2000 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the:

Interim Improvements Project

The Proposed work consists of the following:

Description of Work: The work generally consists of furnishing and installing sludge heating and mixing systems for an existing anaerobic digester, fine bubble diffuser systems, clarifier density current baffles, hydraulic diversion/bypass facilities, variable frequency drive for electric driven blower, evaporative coolers, and OWNER-furnished screenings compactor/conveyor and hoppers; replacement of floating digester cover guides; emptying and cleaning an anaerobic digester; recoating interior of floating digester cover; furnishing and installing structural wall extensions, protective coating systems, HVAC systems, and weirs, performing miscellaneous demolition work, and other miscellaneous modifications and improvements.

Completion of Work: All work shall be completed within two hundred eighty (280) calendar days of the date of issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

Obtaining Contract Documents: Plans and specifications may be examined at the office of Caroline Quinn, City Engineer, Engineering Division, 1951 South River Road, West Sacramento, California on or about **March 3, 2000**. A copy of bid documents may be obtained at the office upon request and payment of $40.00 or may be mailed upon request and payment of $50.00. The amount of payment is non-refundable.

Questions: For questions regarding obtaining documents and other administrative matters, call Milton Preszier at (916) 373-5826. For questions regarding technical issues, call Jay Parker at (530) 243-5886.

Prebid Conference: A prebid conference will be held at the project site at 10:00 a.m. on March 22, 2000. The meeting will begin at the Control Room at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. All bidders are encouraged to attend.

Submission of Proposals: All proposals must be submitted not later than the time prescribed. The bidder is wholly responsible to see that his bid is submitted at the time and place designated for the opening of bids. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening bids.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to this notice and shall be made on the official proposal forms furnished with the contract documents.

Attention is directed to the provisions of the Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15 which makes it a misdemeanor for any person without a valid contractors license (with specific exceptions) to submit a bid to act as a contractor to a public agency.

Proposal Guarantee: Each proposal must be accompanied by cash, a cashier's check, certified check, or bid bond, executed on the prescribed form, in an amount not less than ten (10) percent of the total bid price payable to the City of West Sacramento.

Bidders are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 4590, securities may be substituted for any moneys which the City may withhold pursuant to the terms of this Contract to ensure performance.

Construction License: The successful bidder must possess a current **Class "A" General Engineering** Contractor's License issued by the State of California.

Award: The award shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder whose proposal complies with the specified requirements. The award of contract will be made by the City Engineer, and the Contractor shall execute the contract within ten (10) days after he has received the Contract from the City. If the lowest responsible bidder fails to execute the Contract and furnish all insurance and bond certification to the satisfaction of the City within ten (10) days of receipt of Contract from the City, the City reserves the right to award the Contract to the next lowest responsible bidder.

The City reserves the right to waive any irregularity in the proposals. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of bids.

Rejection of Bids: The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Any bid not conforming to the intent and purpose of the contract documents may be rejected. The City reserves the right to make all awards in the best interest of the City.

Disqualification of Bidder: If there is a reason to believe that collusion exists among any bidders, none of the bids of the participants in such collusion will be considered and the City may likewise elect to reject all bids received.

Relief of Bidder: Attention is directed to the provisions of Public Contracts Code Section 5101 and following, concerning relief of bidders and in particular to the requirements therein that if the bidder claims a mistake was made in his bid, the bidder shall give the City written notice, within five (5) days after the opening of bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice, in detail, how the mistake occurred.

Wage Rates: Bidders are hereby notified that the California Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the work.

It shall be mandatory for the Contractor and any subcontractor under him to pay not less than the said specified rates to laborers and workers employed by them in the execution of the contract.

Bonds: The successful bidder will be required to furnish a payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the contract price, and a faithful performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the contract price.

Date: March 2, 2000
By: Caroline Quinn, City Engineer
Mar 8 15

Agendas

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will meet at 6 p.m. at 1350 Halyard Dr.

A public workshop will be held on possible zoning amendments including increased outdoor storage on larger lots, changing the amount of paving needed for storage of RVs on residential lots, increasing the setback in agricultural zones, and addressing a policy for subdivision kiosks.

There will also be a public hearing on proposed amendments to the city general plan. The hearing will address four key issues:

The future of the proposed Sutterville and Enterprise bridges; whether or not to allow interim industrial uses in the Triangle area; the ultimate size of the city (possibly reducing plans to annex land in the north); and decreasing the planned levels of traffic service to save money on street improvements.

The West Sacramento City Council will meet in open session at 7 p.m. tonight at 1350 Halyard Dr.

Agenda items include consideration of an appeal regarding the planning commission's denial of a variance request for a shed on 6th St.; consideration of preferential permit parking in the Washington neighborhood; consideration of a construction management and inspection consultant; approval of an easement related to the Southport Sanitary Sewer pump station; adoption of an ordinance related to interim commercial parking lots; consideration of participation in an energy saving program involving traffic signals; consideration of a revised fire captain classification description; a workshop on the sidewalk repair program; and consideration of owner participation agreement with Pigman Companies for the California Fuel Cell Partnership.

Police log

March 9, 11:20 a.m.

An officer was advised of a theft at a Harbor Blvd. store in which the manager was assaulted. The officer pulled over the suspect vehicle and found a 39-year old female and 46-year old male, along with property taken from the store.

March 11, 6:55 a.m.

An officer took a report from a man that his son had slapped him in the face several times and then fled. The case was sentto the D.A.

March 11, 10:30 a.m.

On Westacre Rd., a man reported the theft of a cell phone, garage door opener, checkbook and fanny pack from an unlocked car.

March 11, 4:45 p.m.

A G St. victim said that on March 8, an unknown suspect entered an unlocked vehicle and stole some items. The suspect left his own pager behind, which the victim turned in as evidence.

March 11, 4:10 a.m.

An officer found an abandoned car which had crashed into a business's steel gate. Apparently, the driver and passenger had both impacted the windshield. The officer did not find traces of blood, and any passengers had left the scene. Hospitals were contacted unsuccessfully. The vehicle was determined to have been stolen.

GSMS from page one

activity takes place. Would you comment on that?

Mr. Whittemore: The honest truth is that Golden State has a very safe campus. In fact, I think the last fight we had here was well over a month ago, and we are also very aggressive when it comes to drugs and any kind of gang activity. We have a zero tolerance drug policy and we strictly enforce it. We are also very strict about making sure none of our students show up for school wearing gang colors.

News-Ledger: Yet the perception somehow still persists, and when it comes time for their children to go to Golden State, many West Sacramento parents begin scrambling to find another school for their child to attend. What would you say to those parents?

Mr. Whittemore: The first thing I would tell them to do is come on over and spend some time at Golden State. They're more than welcome to drop by here at any time and inspect the school for themselves, and while they're here, I would encourage them to speak to the teachers and especially the students. I simply wouldn't say this is a safe campus filled with a lot of great kids if it wasn't true.

News-Ledger: What has been the biggest difference between being a high school assistant principal, which you were last year, and the principal of Golden State Middle School this year?

Mr. Whittemore: It's mostly had to do with how different the two age groups are. Here at Golden State, I'm always having to remind myself that 7th and 8th graders still have a lot of growing up to do and that there's times when we simply have to let them be kids. School also needs to be fun for them, not just a place where they have to sit in their seats and behave. The more personal contact I get to have with our students, the more I'm enjoying it.

News-Ledger: Finally, statistics show that a high percentage of Golden State students are not receiving passing grades. How do you plan to deal with that?

Mr. Whittemore: In the past, students could actually fail English and math for two full years and still move on to high school. In other words, a third of their overall grades could be F's and they weren't really penalized for it. That was the wrong message to send and that is all going to change now with the new standards. I truly believe we (administrators and teachers) have to raise our expectations and performance before the students will raise theirs, and believe me, that's going to happen. On the positive side, 33% of our students made the A or B honor roll this past grading period, and that's up from 26% which tells me we're headed in the right direction.

SPORTS from p. 3

Hansen, Yaminah Bailey, Veronica Novinsky & Rachel Gibbs (Most improved)
Freshman boys basketball:
Brandon Mosher (Most improved)
Alex Hunter (Mister basketball)
Varsity Wrestling:
Mohammad Salman & Alex Timoshenko (Co-MVP)
Bryon Groesbeck (Most improved)
Mohammad Salman (All-League)
JV Wrestling:
Jason Demars (MVP)
Cody Smith (Most improved)



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Local Scene

Cribbage

The "Delta Peggers" Cribbage Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at the VFW Hall, 905 Drever St. For information, call 371-4709.

Film & Pizza

First Southern Baptist Church at 2124 Michigan Blvd. (at Mapie) will hold a free evening of comedy films including Laurel & Hardy, the Three Stooges, Our Gang classics & cartoons, on Friday, March 17 at 7 p.m. Pizza and refreshments will follow.

Master gardener

The East Yolo Friends of the Library will host UC Davis master gardener Bob Gredvig for a presentation and question-and-answer session at 7 p.m. on Wed., March 15, at the library at 1212 Merkley Ave. His talk will include vegetable gardens, composting, vermiculture and more. Refreshments will be served. Free.

Golden Years

The Golden Years Club of West Sacramento will hold its corned beef & cabbage potluck dinner at the VFW Hall, 905 Drever St., on Tues., March 21 at 6 p.m. Please bring your own service. For membership information, call Betty Drumheller at 371-8479, or Eva Aceituno, 371-8126.

Ireland's Call

A show called "Ireland's Call" will be held Sun., April 2, at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Auditorium at 15th & J streets in Sacramento. Proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Grace Church. Tickets are $18; $16 for seniors.

Democrats

The West Sacramento Democratic Club meets at Turner Library on Tues., March 24. Randy Cheek and Joan Branin will report on the state convention and agenda items to be considered include a "Spring Fling" family event, probably in May, and plans for the upcoming general election campaign. For information, please call 371-4007.

Senior Spin

Senior Spin, the West Sacramento Senior Center's take-off on the Wheel of Fortune TV game show, starts the first of two quarterfinal playoff contests on Charter Cable TV Channel 21 this month. New contestants are Bonnie Poe and Florence Cameron. Dee Bowen hosts and Jennie McNeil is "Vana Banana." The show repeats seven days a week at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

City College

Sacramento City College is offering a number of classes geared to the business owner. They include a class on "essential records for the small business," beginning March 6; "management skills for the small business," beginning March 27; "retailing and merchandising for the small business," beginning March 21; and "the business plan," starting April 24. Each class meets six times at the West Sacramento Center and costs $11. Call 375-5511 for information on these and other classes.

Swimmers schedule

Registration will be March 4, March 11 and March 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Whitey's Jolly Kone, for prospective West Sacramento Dolphins youth swimmers. Registration fee is $5 with participation fees of $55 for the first child in the family, $45 for the second and $25 for the third.

Traffic court

Yolo County Traffic Court is open for business at a new location at 601 Court St. (at First St.) in Woodland.

Pancake breakfast

A pancake breakfast to benefit the Clarksburg High School cheerleaders will be held April 1 from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Food Source, Mack Rd. West and Hwy. 99. Call the South Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, 391-0272, for information.

Dance audition

The Sacramento Light Opera Association will hold open auditions for dancers for its 2000 summer season on Sat., March 25, at 10 a.m. at The Ballroom, 6009 Folsom Blvd. near 60th. Performers should be at least 14 and should wear appropriate workout attire and be prepared to learn a combination. For further information, call 446-5880.

Seniors host chief

The West Sacramento Senior Center will host police chief Gary Leonard March 16 at 11:30 a.m. For information, call 373-5819. In other senior center news, artist Jim Ferry will volunteer his time teaching portrait drawing on Tuesdays from 12:30-3:30 beginning March 21 and the center will offer the LifeSpan fitness test on Wed., March 29, from 10-12.

Leaving a legacy

The regular meeting of "Leave a Legacy Yolo County" will be held on Thurs., March 16, from 8:15-10:15 a.m. at the Woodland Opera House. The purpose of the organization is to create awareness, raise interest and motivate individuals to make planned gifts For information, call Jeff Kean, (530) 666-9617.

College for business

Business human resource directors are invited to a special business forum at Sacramento City College's center in West Sacramento on Wed., March 29, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Highlights include information on programs of specialized training, small business development, international trade assistance, workplace literacy and basic skills. The event is free; please register by March 22 by call (916) 563-3278. Sponsors are the college, the city, and the chamber of commerce. Mayor Christopher Cabaldon will be among the speakers.

Yolo 150

Celebrating Yolo's 150 year history, the county has scheduled a number of events. A quilt show celebrating Women's History Month is on display at the Yolo Co. Administration Building, 625 Court St., through March 31; admission is free. UC Berkley neuro-anatomist Dr. Marian Cleves Diamond will address "An Extraordinary Century for Women: Now Imagine the Future," with a $15 address at the Women's History Month Luncheon at the Heidrick Agricultural History Center on Thurs., March 30; for information, contact (530) 661-7867.

Education committee

A second meeting by a new, unnamed community group aiming to change the quality of education in the Washington Unified School District will be held from 7 p.m. To 9 p.m. On Thursday, March 16th. The meeting will be held at the Turner Library. Discussion will include: improving education to students, leadership within the district, etc. Community participation is invited. For more information call Ronna at 372 1219 or Sandy at 371 2458.

D.A. to consider misdemeanor for boxer Jorrin

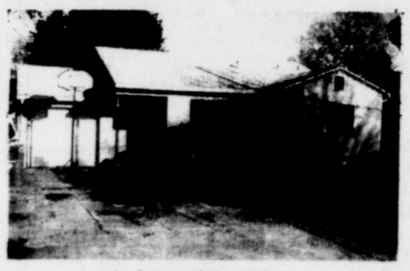
Boxer Guilliarmo "Willie" Jorrin declined to talk to police about a Feb. 20 hit-and-run on Solano St.

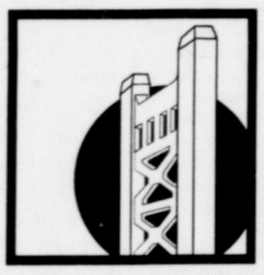
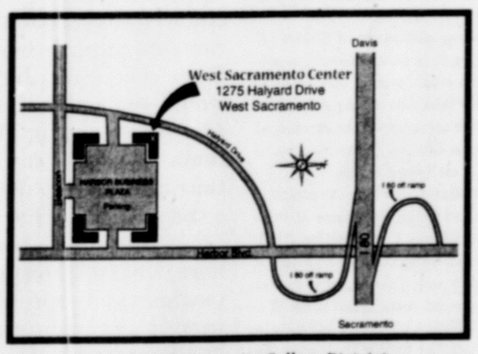
Lt. Dave Farmer reports that information on the case has been forwarded to the Yolo County District Attorney's office for consideration of an arrest warrant. There were no injuries in the incident, which witnesses say stemmed from a night-time speed contest on the street, and so the crime involved appears to be a misdemeanor.

A couple of parked cars were damaged when one of the cars racing went out of control, and the driver of the car that struck them fled the scene. At least one witness identified the suspect as Jorrin, West Sacramento's 1999 Community Day Parade grand marshal and American Boxing Federation junior featherweight champion.

Jorrin did not return a *News-Ledger* call.

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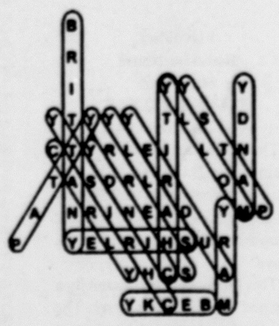
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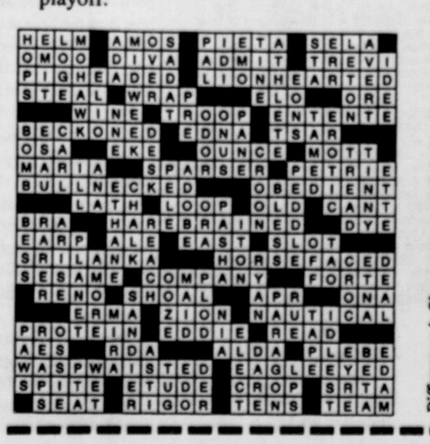
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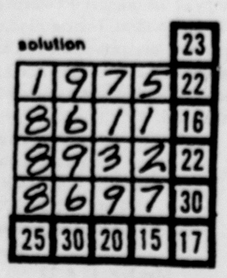

Answers to Sports Quiz & Puzzles

1. Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Don Drysdale; 2. Chicago Cubs pitcher Steve Trachsel had 18 losses (versus eight victories); 3. True. Ditka won the award in 1961 as a tight end for the Chicago Bears; 4. Not one team has won the NCAA championship since the regional bracket's name was changed from Mideast in 1985; 5. Lemaire won eight Stanley Cups as a player; Lafleur captured five; 6. Dale Earnhardt. Dale Jarrett finished second; 7. Nicklaus defeated Doug Sanders by one shot in an 18-hole playoff.





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